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Richard Staimer, heretofore an inspector of the East German Volkspolizei and a leading member of the Socialist Unity party (SED), has been appointed deputy general director of East Zone railways, with extraordinary powers. Every order of the general director, Erwin Kramer, must be countersigned by him. Staimer's chief function will be the ideological education of the railway personnel. Staimer is a son-in-law of Wilhelm Pieck.

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